

### **REMARKS**

Claims 24-25 were previously pending. Through the present amendment, claims 24-25 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request review of claims 24-25 and submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

#### **35 USC 101**

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to an apparatus claim, but appears to be comprised of software alone. Applicants have amended claim 24 to describe specific hardware. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the removal of all 35 USC 101 rejections.

#### **35 USC 103(a)**

Claims 24-25 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Atwal et al., US Publication No. 2003/0061067 (hereinafter “Atwal”) in view of admitted prior art (hereinafter “APA”). Applicants respectfully submit that Atwal in view of any APA does not describe all of the features of the claims, including for example, all of the added features to the claims. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the removal of all 35 USC 103(a) rejections.

**Conclusion**

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If Examiner wishes to discuss any portion of the docket or prosecution, Examiner is invited to telephone Brian Lambert at 408-927-3364.

Respectfully Submitted,

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